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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takashi KIKUCHIHARA et al.

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For: MOTOR AND ATTACHMENT STRUCTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is further to the RCE filed October 11, 2002, copy attached along with the date-stamped post card, and the Office Interview on December 19, 2002. The Examiners' time and thoughtful comments provided during the Office Interview are greatly appreciated.

Before further examination, and for the purposes of additional searching noted in the September 24, 2002 Advisory Action and during the interview, please amend the application as follows.

I. AMENDMENTS

A. In the Written Description

Please AMEND the written description as follows:

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The small case assembly 4 further comprises a first conductive piece 41, a second conductive piece 42, a third conductive piece 43, a first contact spring 44, and a second contact spring 45, which are attached to the small case body 40, as shown in FIG. 5. An end of the first conductive piece 41 is connected to the positive electrode of the battery B to form a positive lead terminal. The other end of the first conductive piece 41 has a structure to be able to electrically connect to the commutator 35 through the first contact spring 44. The top end of the first